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MECHANISM

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PETITION TO CORRECT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Enclosed please find a copy of a preliminary amendment correcting the previously filed claim of priority. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee relating to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (t) to Collard & Roe, P.C.'s deposit account of 03-2468. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to Charge Collard & Roe, P.C.'s deposit account for any additional payment or to credit any overpayment this account.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a) (2) and 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a) (5) and the date in correcting this claim of priority and for filing the correct priority was unintentional. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Collard & Roe, P.C.'s deposit account of 03-2468.

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PETITION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM

Entry of this petition and the enclosed preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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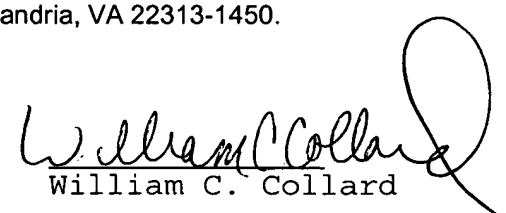
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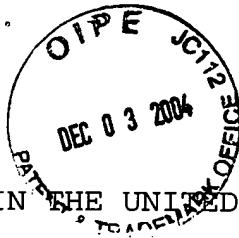
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination of this patent application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification Begin on Page 2 of this Paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 above line 1 please delete the paragraph under "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace it the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation in part application of international application No. PCT/US02/20917 filed on July 1, 2002 which is a continuation in part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,744 filed on June 29, 2001 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,574,921 on June 10, 2003.--

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments. The information relating to this claim for priority was correctly listed on the declaration and power of attorney and also on the transmittal letter. Entry of this amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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